

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :	Hitoshi Takeda et al.	Art Unit :	2163
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 17, 2006, enclosed are a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b and deposit account charge authorization for \$1700 for the required issue fee and publication fee.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 is appreciated. The Applicant submits the following comments concerning the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the attachment to the Notice of Allowability. It is the subject matter of each claim as a whole that is patentable, not any particular feature recited in the claim(s). The Applicant does not concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make the claims allowable and does not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement in the attachment to the Notice of Allowability.

Examiner's Amendment

It is noted that paragraph 2 of the Examiner's Amendment refers to amendments to claims 1, 23, 36, 41 and 46. This is clearly a typographic or clerical error, since the highest numbered claim is claim 6. Only claim 1 was amended. Claims 2 and 5 were canceled.

Interview Summary

On or about September 14, 2006, the Examiner telephoned the undersigned attorney to advise that the arguments and claim amendments made in the Amendment filed August 28, 2006, had been fully considered but, in his view, did not place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner stated that claim 2 contained allowable subject matter. As a result, the

undersigned agreed to add the features of claim 2 to independent claim 1, and to cancel claim 2, as well as claim 5, which had become redundant due to the amendment to claim 1.

The fees in the amount of \$1700 for the required issue fee and publication fee, are being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization.

Please apply any additional charges or credits to our Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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